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LETTER DATED 1 NOVEMBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF RWANDA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the communiqué approved by the Regional Summit held at Kigali, Rwanda, on 28 October 1993 on the tragic situation in Burundi following the military coup d'état of 21 October 1993, which was directed against the institutions democratically established in that country after the democratic elections of June 1993.

The Summit, which was convened by the Head of State of Rwanda, decided, inter alia, that there was an urgent need to establish a stabilization force to restore confidence and security in Burundi.

In that regard, allow me to draw your attention to the content of paragraph 9 of the communiqué, concerning the invitation addressed to the United Nations authorities with a view to establishing, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), the international force for stabilization and restoration of confidence in Burundi.

Given the serious nature of the situation in Burundi, which has consequences for the region and represents a possible threat to international peace and security, I wish, on behalf of the Government of Rwanda, to take this opportunity to address an urgent appeal to the Security Council to consider taking action concerning the recommendations of the Kigali Regional Summit and to take urgent measures to assist the people of Burundi in restoring peace and security and re-establishing the rule of law and constitutional order in their country.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Jean-Damascène BIZIMANA
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Rwanda
to the United Nations

Annex

Communiqué issued following the regional summit on the
situation in Burundi held at Kigali on 28 October 1993

1. At the invitation of His Excellency Major-General Juvénal Habyarimana, President of the Rwandese Republic, a Regional Summit attended by the countries bordering on Burundi was held at Kigali on 28 October 1993.

The Head of State of Rwanda was joined at the Summit by the Prime Minister and First Vice-President of the United Republic of Tanzania, the Honourable John Samuel Marecela, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Zaire, His Excellency Mr. Faustin Birindwa, and the Prime Minister of the Rwandese Republic, Her Excellency Mrs. Agathe Uwilingiyimana. The participants considered the tragic situation prevailing in Burundi as a result of the military coup d'état carried out on 21 October 1993 and directed against the democratically established institutions in the Republic of Burundi.

2. The President-in-Office of OAU, the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, was represented as an observer at the Summit by his Special Envoy, His Excellency Mr. Said Refaat, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

3. The Secretary-General of OAU, His Excellency Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim, participated at the meeting as an observer, as did the Minister of Health, of the legitimate Government of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Dr. Jean Minani, and the Minister of Justice, His Excellency Mr. Fulgence Bakana Dwima.

4. The President of the Rwandese Republic recalled the tragic situation that Burundi had been experiencing since 21 October 1993. He emphasized that the Kigali Regional Summit should make it possible to exchange information on the events in Burundi and to consider jointly ways and means to assist the people of Burundi to restore peace and security and also to re-establish the institutions established following the democratic elections of June 1993.

5. Dr. Jean Minani, Roving Ambassador and Plenipotentiary of the legitimate Government of Burundi, provided the Summit with detailed information concerning the tragic events which have shaken the country since 21 October 1993.

6. In their statements, the heads of delegations reiterated the condemnation by their countries and by the Organization of African Unity of the military coup d'état directed against elected institutions. They condemned, in particular, the assassination of the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Mr. Melchior Ndadaye, and some of his close associates, as well as the killing of innocent civilians. The Summit considered this attempted seizure of power by members of the military to be an event which ran directly counter to the democratic evolution of the African continent. The heads of delegations reaffirmed the steadfast commitment of their countries and of OAU to do their utmost to help to restore security and the rule of law in Burundi.

7. While thanking all the countries and international organizations for having supported the people of Burundi by firmly and unanimously condemning the

coup d'état in Burundi, the Summit appealed to them to increase their political, diplomatic, material and financial support to the people of Burundi.

8. The Summit solemnly emphasizes that the situation in Burundi concerns not only the people of Burundi but also the countries of the region and Africa as a whole.

9. Specifically, the Summit agreed that there was an urgent need to establish a stabilization force to restore confidence and security in the country.

In that regard:

The Kigali Summit requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, to establish this international force for stabilization and restoration of confidence, which should be composed of troops provided essentially by African countries chosen in consultation with the legitimate Government of Burundi;

Some of the countries participating in the Kigali Summit expressed their immediate readiness to form part of this force for stabilization and restoration of confidence in Burundi;

The Kigali Summit requests the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to follow very closely the implementation of the decisions taken by the Kigali Summit;

In order to avoid any escalation of the violence in Burundi, the Kigali Summit urges all Burundi military personnel to return to their barracks.

10. The Kigali Summit appeals to the international community to provide material, financial and technical assistance to the international force for stabilization and restoration of confidence in Burundi.

11. The Kigali Summit also appeals to the international community to make a practical gesture to stop the massacres of innocent populations in Burundi and to help the people of Burundi to find a final solution to these recurrent tragedies.

12. Lastly, the Kigali Summit appeals to the international community to provide emergency assistance to the hundreds of thousands of refugees in the countries bordering on Burundi and to the displaced persons inside that country.

13. The Prime Minister and First Vice-President of the United Republic of Tanzania, the Honourable John S. Malecela, and the Prime Minister of the Republic of Zaire, His Excellency Mr. Faustin Birindwa, expressed to His Excellency Major-General Juvénal Habyarimana, President of the Rwandese Republic, and to the Government and people of Rwanda, their gratitude for the warm and fraternal welcome extended to them and to their delegations during their stay in Rwanda.

For the Rwandese Republic

(Signed) HABYARIMANA Juvénal
Major-General
President of the Republic

For the United Republic of Tanzania

(Signed) John S. MALECELA
Prime Minister and
First Vice-President

For the Republic of Zaire

(Signed) Faustin BIRINDWA
Prime Minister

In the presence of

(Signed) Dr. Salim Ahmed SALIM
Secretary-General of OAU

(Signed) Said REFAAT
Special Envoy of the President
of the Arab Republic of Egypt,
President-in-Office of OAU

(Signed) Dr. Jean MINANI
Minister of Health
Roving Representative and Plenipotentiary of the
Legitimate Government of the Republic of Burundi
